



OFFICE OF THE  
**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER**  
**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

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To: All Interested Parties

From: Sutter County Department of Agriculture

Re: Requirements for Selling Shell Eggs

If you produce and sell, trade, barter, etc. your eggs to any other person, business, etc., in the State of California, you are required to:

**(A) Register**

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)  
Egg Quality Control Program  
1220 N. Street, Sacramento, California 95814  
(916) 445-A243

**Registration Fee** (initial fee): \$75.00

**Annual Assessment Fee:** \$50.00, plus \$0.125 per case sold  
(1 case = 30 dozen eggs).

The assessment fee is based on a projected total carton sales sold on a fiscal year basis ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. This assessment fee does apply if selling from certified farmers' market or retail outlet.

**Exemption:**

(1) Selling from production site only with no more than 500 birds.

Annual assessment fees can be paid either at the start of the fiscal year as an estimated projected amount of eggs to be sold (any money left over is carried over to the following year) or at the end of fiscal year when the egg handler must submit to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Egg Quality Control Program the exact amount of eggs sold during the fiscal year.

## **(B) Labeling**

One of the more complicated and potentially costly aspects of the requirements for the production and sale of eggs are the labeling regulations.

If eggs are pre-packed in cartons, then the following information must be on the carton-

Grade:	AA, A, or B
Size:	small, medium, large, extra large, or jumbo
Julian date:	Actual date of pack - three digit number (harvest, production) - see Julian table
Sell by date:	30 days following the date of pack
Packer ID:	number assigned by the state when you register "KEEP REFRIGERATED"

If the eggs are packed in the presence of the customer, then that information can be displayed on a sign at the booth and the labeling information on the used carton must be marked out. This includes brand names, packer ID numbers, all dates, etc.

# **DISPLAY SIGN FOR BULK EGGS**

(LARGE ENOUGH TO BE READ EASILY)

**EGGS**  
**GRADE A LARGE**  
FREE RANGE BUTTES INC.  
111 ONEWAYDRIVE  
FEATHERLESS, CA 95678

**KEEP REFRIGERATED**

SELL BY: JUNE 30

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The sell by date is 30 days after the date of packing, expressed in Julian numbers. So, the above pack date is May 31 (the "151" from the Julian calendar), so 30 days after that (starting June 1<sup>st</sup>) is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## EGG CARTON LABELING

NAME. SIZE. SELL BY DATE  
ADDRESS, GRADE. JULIAN PACK DATE  
ZIP CODE, KEEP REFRIGERATED. PRODUCER NUMBER

**VIEW AT END OF CARTON:**

SELL BY JUNE 30, 2008

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### TOP OF CARTON

**KEEP REFRIGERATED      EGGS      ONE DOZEN**

**Free Range Buttes Inc. GRADE AA**

**111 Oneway Drive LARGE**

**Featherless, CA 95678**

**OR**

Make an adhesive label like the one below and affix it to the top of a blank carton.  
In either case, the "view at end of carton" information **MUST** be present (see above).

Adhesive label

**Free Range Buttes Inc. - One Dozen**

**111 Oneway Drive - Grade AA**

**Featherless, CA 95678 - Large EGGS**

**KEEP REFRIGERATED**

**(C) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Carton Source: [www.eggcarton.com](http://www.eggcarton.com) Blank egg carton can be purchased. Extra charge for any wording put on these blank egg cartons.

Health issues and questions should be directed to the Sutter County Community Services Department, Environmental Health Division, 1130 Civic Center Blvd., Suite E, Yuba City, California 95993 (530-822-7400).

Produce Vendors must have a Business License from the City of Yuba City, 1201 Civic Center Blvd., Yuba City, California 95993 (530-822-4619) to sell any produce within the Yuba City Limit.